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John Wesley, the great theologian and founder of Methodism, died on March 2, 1791, and on Sunday and Monday, there was a general celebration of his centenary by Methodists throughout the world. No movement looking to that end was organized, except in London, where a statue was erected in his honor in the presence of a large concourse of the people at the headquarters of the Wesleyans—and none was necessary anywhere. The mission of the man and the practical results which have followed it, had only to be recalled, to elicit the tributes everywhere uttered by Methodists in honor to his memory. No one in the modern history of religions thought and practice is entitled to a higher degree of veneration and gratitude, and it is not surprising that he is regarded by his denomination, as worthy of a place "in the same constellation as Moses, Elijah, Paul and Luther." He needed no monument to perpetuate his memory. The denomination which he created, having expanded in number, since his death in 1791, from 135,000 to not less than 25,000,000, insures for him a place in the affections of the people of the world, more enduring than all the monuments of brass and stone erected by the human race.

The Fifty-first Congress suspended its labor at noon on Wednesday, and now with its unenviable record is numbered among the things that were. "Unwept, unhonored and unsung" it retires from power, to be remembered by the people for the tyranny, fraud, oppression and corruption practiced by the members of the dominant party—to the end that no similar body shall be allowed to convene again in the Nation's Capitol, to bring such lasting disgrace upon the American name. The Democratic members of Congress, who have resisted so manfully every encroachment attempted by that Congress upon the liberties of the American people and defeated some of its most pernicious measures, very properly refused to stultify themselves, by voting for a resolution offered at the close of Congress, thanking Ross Reed "for the able, impartial and dignified manner, in which he had presided."

Senator George Hearst, of California, died in Washington, last Saturday night. He was born in Missouri, and worked on his father's farm until 1850, when he went to California, where commencing as a miner, he eventually amassed a great fortune, estimated at the time of his death at \$200,000,000. His political life began in 1855, when he was elected to the Legislature and subsequently he was appointed United States Senator, and re-elected in 1887 by the Legislature. In politics being a Democrat, his death is a loss to his party, inasmuch as he will be succeeded by a Republican and after the 4th of March, therefore, the Republican majority in the Senate will be increased from 6 to 8.

The charitable organizations, known as the King's Daughters are likely to disband in the South, if the opinions expressed in Washington a few days ago by Mrs. Isabella Charles Davis, a prominent representative of the Nation at large, are to prevail. She stated that a circle of the organization had adopted a black baby and among other extravagant views advanced the following: "There is no color line, no condition line, no age line in the order of the King's Daughters. We came to break down the color line and other lines."

Col. Thomas Whitehead, Commissioner of Agriculture, thinks the only persons in Virginia who are desirous of seeing a third party movement organized are the attorneys for railroads and other persons directly interested in such corporations, and perhaps a few wild men among the Alliance members.

The reason, in his opinion, why the railroad people would rejoice to see an attempt made to organize a third party is because they know that it is the purpose of the Alliance to cause new regulations to be made concerning railroad traffic and they realize that if the Alliance, which is a secret organization, goes into politics on its own hook it will tumble to pieces as soon as such a thing is attempted. He is firmly convinced that it is through the Democratic party that the farmers must hope for relief. They can gain nothing by an independent movement. It is in the Democratic primaries and conventions that the work should be done.—State.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Warwick county is to have a \$12,000 Court-house and jail erected at Newport News.

Over \$100,000 worth of real estate changed hands in Salem, Randolph county, last week.

Richmond's new city hall has so far cost \$700,000, and it will require at least \$100,000 more to complete it.

A fire at Lexington, Monday badly damaged the house at one time occupied as a residence by Gen. Stonewall Jackson.

The Richmond Bar Association has unanimously endorsed Judge Lunsford L. Lewis, of the Virginia Court of Appeals, for a United States judgeship.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad Company proposes to expend \$300,000 in the erection of a new passenger station and other improvements at Norfolk.

George Freeburger, who was arrested at Hampton last week charged with the murder of Grace Jones, his stepdaughter, has been released. The special jury which investigated the case found no evidence to indict him.

The growth of the Farmers' Alliance in Virginia is most flattering and encouraging. There are at present one thousand two hundred and eighty-five local bodies and over forty thousand members.

RICHMOND, VA., March 2.—A special to the Dispatch states that in the terrible gale which swept the lower James river Thursday night, last, twenty-four oystermen, mostly colored men, were drowned at points just above and below the mouth of the Warwick river.

The report of the Auditor of Public Accounts, recently published, shows that the criminal expenses of the State continue to absorb a very large portion of the public revenue, the sum paid out during the past year on that account amounting to upwards of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, ex Governor of Virginia, Col. Robert Cattell, Messrs. M. M. Martin and L. C. Shields, of Virginia, were the guests of Governor Russell, of Massachusetts, at dinner at the Algonquin Club, Boston, Friday evening, of last week.

Mr. Beverly, of Fauquier, vice-president of the State Alliance, now speaking through Tidewater, says the alliance is rapidly increasing in membership in Virginia, having gained about 20,000 members in the past three months, and that the last quarterly report showed an alliance in every county in the State except Northumberland and Lancaster.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—The Census Office today compiled the population of Virginia by races. The total number of whites are given at 1,104,680, an increase of 127,838 over the census of 1880. The negro population is 640,857, an increase of only 9,246 during the decade. The Chinese number 50; increase, 44. Indians are 370; increase, 195; and the Japanese 13.

The farmers of Norfolk county and the counties on the Carolina sounds are holding their corn for higher prices. The peanut-raisers are also holding their stock from the market on account of the prevailing low prices for all grades. The enormous yield of nuts, however, will keep down prices for a long time this season, as there is little prospect of exhausting the stock now stored before the new crop.

James Randolph, the negro coachman whose marriage with pretty Miss Ella Tice, an intelligent young white girl of Williamsport, New York, that caused such a sensation there, is well known in Richmond. Randolph was a pupil of the Richmond Colored Normal School and was for a time engaged as a servant in a billiard room. E. A. Randolph, one of the half dozen negro lawyers of Richmond, is his brother.

The following are the Virginia items in the sundry civil appropriation bill as passed the Senate: For the purchase of a site and the commencement of a postoffice and court-house at Norfolk, \$75,000; for the purchase of a site and construction of a building for the postoffice at Roanoke, \$75,000; for the purchase of land at Hog Island light station, \$100; for establishing range and harbor lights at and near the entrance of Cape Charles harbor, \$1,000; for the purchase of land for the site of light house depot at Portsmouth, \$10,000; to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase any additional land required for the enlargement of the National Cemetery at Hampton \$2,000 in addition to the \$10,000 heretofore appropriated. For the support of the National Home for disabled soldiers at Hampton, \$411,210.

Georgia's pension laws went into effect March 1, and from that date the widow of each Confederate soldier will get an annuity of \$100. Alabama has also at last recognized their claims, but their share will scarcely be half so large.

A supposed disappearance of \$677,000 of Delaware State securities was discovered at Dover, Monday. The Legislature directed that legal action be taken against the bond of ex-Treasurer Herbert.

The mandates of the United States Supreme Court in the cases of George S. Key, Henry Jones and Edward Smith, all colored, convicted of having committed murder on Narrows Island, have been received in Baltimore. The three men were resented to be hanged.

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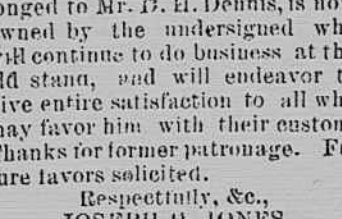
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